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Number of years since The Colonnade was established. Issues dating back to 1925 are available in the GCSU library.

Source: The Colonnade archives

Grading system changes weighed

GCSU considers changing to plus/minus grading scale

BY SIMONE JAMESON
STAFF WRITER

GCSU may be among several public universities in Georgia to undergo changes to its current grading scale, with consideration from the state Board of Regents.

Schools in the University System of Georgia are gradually adopting the

cumulative grading scale more commonly known as the plus/minus grading system.

The policy was designed by the regents and will require that grades be assigned a letter value that directly corresponds with the numerical average, giving an A+, A- option. The system is currently in pilot mode at the University of

Georgia and Georgia State University and may reach GCSU as early as 2011.

The cumulative grading system is designed similarly to the standard grading scale, in which the student's total number of grade points earned will be divided by the number of hours a student takes. However, significant changes include the

distinction between what numerical grades function as an A and others that signify a B+.

At institutions that already use the cumulative system, such as Emory University and Morehouse College, the numerical values assigned to letter grades typically differ from professor to professor, with professors having

the option of giving an A+ designation to students at their discretion. Both the University of Georgia and Georgia State use the cumulative grading scale to access permanent records and only use the uniform system with regards to special learning services.

Dr. Ken McGill, chair of

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Redshirt junior Ryan Parson makes a delivery to catcher Richard Pirkle (18) as the two work to get a Tampa batter out during the second game of a doubleheader last Sunday.

Spartans spoil opening weekend

No. 7 Tampa sweeps 3-game series against Bobcats

BY SCOTTY THOMPSON
SENIOR REPORTER

The No. 27 GCSU baseball team opened its 2010 campaign in tough fashion at home this past week, as No. 7 Tampa swept the Bobcats in a double-header Sunday, followed by a come-from-behind win Monday afternoon to complete the series sweep. The Spartans were powered by a potent offense, banging out 42 hits and plating 32 runs over the course of the series at John Kurtz Field.

In the opener of the double-head-

er, Tampa started off quickly, scoring four runs in the top of the first inning off of GCSU senior lefty starter Ryan Tabor. The Bobcats cut into that lead in the bottom of the second, when redshirt junior catcher Richard Pirkle's solo homer made it a 4-1 game. GCSU added two more runs in the third to make it 4-3. With one out, senior shortstop Chandler Snell singled and senior left fielder Kyle Allen walked. After a bloop single by senior center fielder Sean Harrell loaded the bases, senior first baseman Matt Pitts grounded into a fielder's choice, but an errant throw

to first allowed Snell to score and Allen to make it a one-run game.

The Spartans responded with two runs of their own in the top of the fifth to go up 6-3 and extended that lead to 8-3 with two more runs in the top of the ninth. The Bobcats made things interesting, however, in the bottom half of the ninth.

With two outs, Allen walked and Harrell followed with an infield single. Pitts, junior right fielder Shawn Ward and Pirkle followed with three consecutive RBI singles to make it

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SGA voting begins

BY TIM GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Midnight this past Monday was marked by a flurry of advertisements and new Facebook groups and events, all a clear indication of the beginning of the election season on the GCSU campus.

The Student Government Association Executive Office nominees were announced Tuesday, with 10 candidates running for four positions. Students can vote online for two days beginning at midnight Feb. 17 and ending Feb. 18 at 11:59 p.m.

Current SGA President Zach Mullins is running for re-election against current SGA Treasurer, Ross Sheppard. Evan Karanovich and Jay Parker are running for vice president against the incumbent, Kayla McCollam. Claire Cantrell and Paul Danaj are aiming for the secretary position, and Megan Moss, Josh Futch and Liz Stamm are all competing to become treasurer.

SGA represents the GCSU student body and makes decisions regarding matters that can impact students. A percentage of student activity fees go through SGA, and are then distributed to support various student programs and organizations through

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Symposium provides human rights insight

BY SCOTTY THOMPSON
SENIOR REPORTER

Whether it was the use of child soldiers in Uganda, the rights of prisoners, or the use of questionable interrogation methods by the military, students heard from a wide variety of speakers on various human rights issues at the third annual Georgia College Global Citizenship Symposium held Feb. 8-10. The symposium featured several different programs from the various academic departments on campus to learn about human rights issues all over the world.

"We planned this symposium with our students in mind," said Dr. Gregg Kaufman, coordinator of Civic Engagement Projects and the American Democracy Project on campus.

The first day of the symposium focused on the historical and philosophical contexts surrounding human rights. After the introduction and welcome, and a quick series of lectures, the play, "Dr. Korczak and the Children" was performed by members of

the GCSU Theatre Department. The play is based on the final hours of Dr. Janusz Korczak and the orphanage he ran in the Warsaw, Poland, ghetto in 1942. Korczak and his orphans were taken and executed. The keynote address for the first evening was delivered by Bertram Ramcharan, the former United Nations Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The second day focused on specific human rights issues. Some of those issues included rights of prisoners, the death penalty, child soldiers in East Africa, the relationship between China and Tibet, and interrogation methods used in the Iraq War and the War on Terror.

Talitha Baker, a member of the national staff for the Invisible Children Project, delivered a presentation and a documentary about the origins of the project. The short documentary followed two university filmmakers and their friends on their journey to Uganda, in Africa, and their attempts to aid child soldiers there

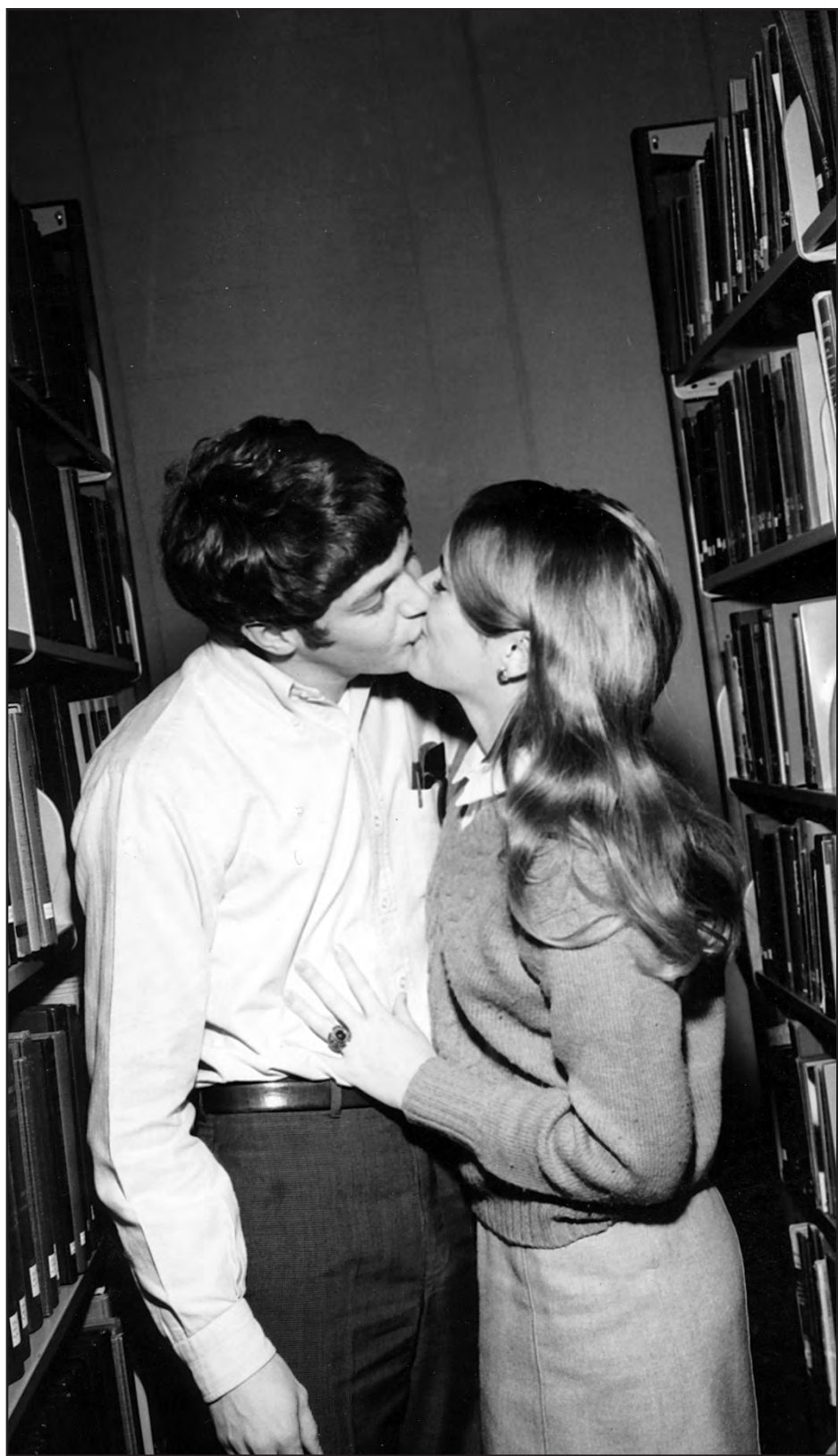


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Freshman Sean Corbett and junior Lizzie Spratt perform in "Dr. Korczak and the Children" a play focusing on an orphanage ran by Dr. Janusz Korczak in a Warsaw, Poland, ghetto in 1942.

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Flashback:



GCSU LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
Two students are shown sneaking a kiss in the GCSU library in 1970, shortly after the college became co-educational in 1967.

Number of viruses on student computers up

BY REBECCA BURNS
STAFF WRITER

Recently, the GCSU technology help center — known as Serve — has experienced an influx of infected PC computers on campus. Many are located in faculty offices and labs, although some students are being affected as well.

The viruses Serve has most frequently encountered this semester include script-enabled viruses, according to James Carlisle, director of Technology Support Services.

“Generally you don’t want to turn that (script access) off,” Carlisle said. “For everyday (Internet) browsing you need to be able to go to Web sites that have script or Web applications. (Serve) is seeing a lot of Web site viruses where someone has virus protection up to date and all their (Microsoft) Windows updates. They think they have everything covered, but then they still go to this Web site and ‘boom’ ... they get a virus.”

While there isn’t one certain virus plaguing the campus, a particularly malicious and deceiving one Serve has encountered is



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY REBECCA BURNS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Students that experience the notorious blue screen can take their computer to the Serve help desk for possible repair.

Antivirus Pro 2010. The virus charades as a legitimate antivirus software and misleads users by reporting false scan results and alerts.

“Luckily laptops have to pass through Impulse, and one of the requirements of Impulse is antivirus software protection and Microsoft Windows updates,” Carlisle said.

Impulse is the portal students pass through to access the GCSU wireless

Internet network. While Impulse does not protect computers, it forces users to update their computer software in order to continue connecting to the GCSU network. Otherwise Impulse will lock the user out of the network connection.

Even with Impulse, however, laptops are susceptible to the script viruses. Serve has seen increas-

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Social justice banquet to honor community’s work

BY MATT CHAMBERS
SENIOR REPORTER

Three years ago Yves-Rose SaintDic, director of Institutional Equity and Diversity at GCSU, first planned the Flagg Social Justice Award Legacy Banquet to honor GCSU and Middle Georgia community members for their work in social justice.

Individuals are nominated year-round and are honored at a dinner held in Magnolia Ballroom.

“The idea of the dinner is to recognize all the people in our community and campus who are doing work,” SaintDic said. “Our students are involved in so many groups, but we don’t really know; we don’t really celebrate it.”

This year, 22 students, faculty and community members will be recognized Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. The Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity, along with the Black Student Alliance and President’s Commission on Diversity, will sponsor the banquet in the Magnolia Ballroom.

The awards and nominations are to help congratulate students and individuals that go above and beyond with their time on campus.

“Four-year education, you can probably get that online, but you come to the college campus because you really want to have an impact somewhere, you want to leave your legacy,” SaintDic said.

Two of the 22 nominees will receive an award during the night’s event. One

award will be given to a GCSU faculty, staff or student and the other to a Middle Georgia community member. Individuals can be nominated for a range of different issues, not just focusing on diversity.

“Generally, the Georgia College person has to be somebody who has founded or has a leadership role in a organization that has worked with social justice,” SaintDic said. “The community one will have somebody who’s worked on social justice for a while.”

The keynote speaker for the banquet is Della Smith, a Hancock County native who has retired from Intel Corp. Smith worked, both locally and nationally, to promote the growth of youths’ skills. Smith earned Intel’s Achievement Awards for Excellence during her time with the company.

“She’s come to the banquet every year so last year I was talking to her afterward and she was telling me about the work she’s done and I was like ‘she’d be a great speaker,’” SaintDic said.

The banquet also serves a dual purpose to bring people together to talk about issues in the community.

“We pre-assign seats, ... and at the table we put a combination of whatever, staff, student, community people, a nominee at each table so people can have a conversation about the work they do,” SaintDic said. “If we do help them create friendships and we put them in situations, ... then they build those connections and then it’s more integrated value-wise.”



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AIDS week events promote awareness

BY COURTNEY MURRAH
STAFF REPORTER

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention in 2006 estimated 56,300 Americans are infected with HIV every year and 21 percent of those infected are unaware.

AIDS Now Grasps Every Living Soul, or A.N.G.E.L.S., teamed up with Pride Alliance to spread awareness of how HIV and AIDS are affecting everyone on a local and global scale.

AIDS Awareness Week is a local event on campus usually held in February. This year the two organizations held an event every night from Feb. 7-11.

Information tables at the fountain area and Herty Hall were stacked every-

day with free condoms, brochures about HIV and AIDS and red ribbons.

The kickoff event occurred Feb. 7 when participants hung flags on Front Campus to represent the countries dealing with the AIDS epidemic. The flags displayed the number of people infected.

On Feb. 8, “Life Support,” starring Queen Latifah, was shown. The movie is about a mother and recovering drug addict infected with HIV.

There were discussion forums held regarding religion and HIV on Feb. 9, and about HIV and homosexuality Feb. 10.

On Feb. 11, the documentary behind RENT titled “No Day But Today” was shown in honor of GCSU’s upcoming production

and the musical’s involvement of AIDS awareness.

Students also passed out free condoms in front of Capital City during the Thursday nights of Feb. 4 and Feb. 11.

Jeremy Weatherly, a senior political science major, was one of the students that made the trek to Capital City to spread awareness.

“We went and handed out condoms the other night,” Weatherly said. “There’s a stigma associated with safe sex. A lot of people are very ignorant about it. Some girl said, ‘well I have birth control.’ That’s not going to prevent HIV. People think of it more as an anti-pregnancy measure when it should be anti-disease.”

Weatherly has only been



COURTNEY MURRAH / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Students hung up flags on Front Campus in honor of those affected by AIDS around the world during AIDS Awareness Week, sponsored by A.N.G.E.L.S. and the Pride Alliance.

a part of A.N.G.E.L.S. for two weeks, but he is doing whatever he can to help.

“I heard about (A.N.G.E.L.S.) through Dr. Robin Harris,” Weatherly said. “She’s in the sociology department. She is very passionate about it. I’m very passionate about it as well.”

Weatherly feels that awareness of the issue is important and should be seen as a bigger deal.

“We want to talk about swine flu like it’s a pandemic,” Weatherly said. “No, AIDS is a pandemic. Just because it’s not in the United States doesn’t mean it’s not an issue. It’s in the

AIDS week page 4

Leadership Certificate Program adds new members

BY LAUREN DAVIDSON
STAFF WRITER

The GCSU Leadership Certificate Program has accepted 28 new members to participate in the program this spring. According to the LCP roster, in Fall 2009 there were 25 students accepted into the program.

To be accepted into the program students must submit an application packet, a resume and a statement of their interest in the program.

John Bowen, coordinator of leadership programs, believes that LCP is an excellent way for students to further their leadership skills.

“We introduce students to leadership concepts and we hopefully provide them with an opportunity to practice the skills and the concepts they’re learning and then we ask them to reflect on what they’re gaining in those experiences,” Bowen said.

According to Bowen, students that are

involved in the program are generally very active students inside and outside the classroom. These students are active in their academic classes and majors, and many student organizations such as the SGA and The GIVE Center.

“Probably half the students in the program are in a leadership position on campus when they start participating. The other half take on leadership responsibilities while they are participating in the program,” Bowen said. “Because of the nature of the program, students must actively pursue leadership opportunities while they are in the program.”

Students such as Lauren Heard, a junior psychology major and second year member of LCP, have participated in the leadership opportunities outside of school that are offered to LCP members.

“Through the LCP program, I participated in the Women’s Leadership Forum where I got to have lunch and meet other women who are leaders in their community,” Heard said.

Members of the program are expected to fulfill four main requirements in order to complete the program. According to Bowen, completing the requirements can take anywhere from two to three semesters depending on how involved the student is in the program.

The first two requirements involve the completion of two academic courses that LCP offers. These two courses are LEAD 1000 and LEAD 2000. The additional two requirements are participation in a number of activities and the completion of a capstone presentation (usually during the student’s senior year).

LCP offers its members a number of activities to participate in so that they are able to fulfill their participation requirements.

“We offer a number of workshops, retreats, and discussions. We take students to the Georgia Collegiate Leadership conference in Athens every spring, have

Leadership Certification Program

Checklist to acceptance

- ☐ Complete (or be in the process of completing) at least one semester at GCSU
- ☐ Have at least two semesters remaining at GCSU
- ☐ Fill out the application at www.gcsu.edu/lcp/approcess
- ☐ Submit a résumé
- ☐ Write a 250 word essay on your goals for the program
- ☐ Prepare for a possible interview

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United States more than anybody would believe.”

April Abbott, a senior mathematics major, is the president of A.N.G.E.L.S. and has been an active participant for a year.

“I took the Sociology of HIV/AIDS last year with Dr. Harris,” Abbott said. “You have to do 15 community service hours to be in the class. I just got involved and they asked who wants to be president next year and I said, ‘I’ll do it.’”

As a member of both A.N.G.E.L.S. and Pride Alliance, Abbott is glad that the two groups were able to collaborate.

“We always try to get together, but something usually happens or another,” Abbott said. “This year we really got together. We’re also big with BSA — Black Student Alliance — because HIV affects the African American community severely.”

While she does not personally know anybody affected by AIDS, Abbott has seen the damage that it can cause.

“ANGELS goes to the Diversity House in Macon,” Abbott said. “That’s a place where people (go who) would be practically homeless



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Michelle Higgins (left), a sophomore English major, and her friend (right) Thomas Montgomery, a West Georgia senior, helped to decorate Front Campus with flags representing those around the world affected with AIDS on Saturday Feb. 6.

because they have HIV. They don’t have anywhere to go. They don’t have any money. It’s a place where they live. I’ve seen them and how it affects them.”

AIDS Awareness Week was open to all students who wished to participate, whether it was for an organization or themselves.

Britta Gervais, a sophomore art major, is not an official member of either sponsoring organization, but found out about the week of events through Facebook.

“I’m on the Facebook group for the Pride Alliance although usually

I can’t make it to the meetings,” Gervais said. “This is the first time I’ve had time to go out and do it because of studies and other groups I’m associated with. I’m really excited to participate in any events that I can.”

Kaley Boyles, a sophomore early childhood education major, wanted to help out after receiving Facebook invites and hearing about the events from a friend.

“I’m just getting involved around campus and this seemed like a good way to do it,” Boyles said.

SGA

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SGA. SGA officers also aid in the discussion regarding what fees students will have to pay, such as the planned new wellness center fee.

The outcome of this month’s elections may help to determine how the student body’s money is spent as well as what changes the campus could see.

Voter turnout has increased greatly since the move to electronic voting in 2008. Last spring, The Colonnade reported a 50 percent increase in voter turnout from the 2008 elections.

All of the candidates have begun to make campaign pushes in hopes of getting elected, beginning with various Facebook groups online.

While online, students will also notice groups urging students to vote

for Mr. and Ms. GCSU, whose elections are held simultaneously with the SGA executive elections. Nominees represent a Registered Student Organization, typically a sorority or fraternity, and like the SGA elections the winners are determined by student vote.

Last year’s Mr. and Ms. GCSU, Tyler Anderson and Keri Allgood, will crown this year’s winners, which will be announced during Homecoming festivities. To vote, students can go to myCATS during voting days, click on the student tab and select the ballot link to complete the ballot. SGA will also have an polling station set up on campus during election days so students can place their vote before heading to class.

Results for the SGA elections will be posted online Feb. 19, and both the SGA and Mr. and Ms. GCSU elections will be announced the next day, at the men’s Homecoming basketball game.

Make a note of it

GCSU’s student newspaper, The Colonnade, won first place in the General Excellence category in its division for the fifth consecutive year at the annual Georgia College Press Association’s Better Newspaper Contest in Athens this past Saturday.

The Colonnade competed against 28 other schools from around Georgia and earned awards in 16 categories, including six individual awards. In the general award category, the newspaper competed against all GCPA member four-year colleges with enrollment under 8,000. In the individual category, it competed against most four-year colleges in Georgia including Georgia Tech, Georgia State University and

Emory University.

“Hours of hard work really paid off this year,” said editor-in-chief Claire Dykes, who has been with the newspaper since 2007. “Gaining state-wide recognition in 16 categories was a great morale boost for the entire staff.”

GCPA is an organization dedicated to fostering Georgia’s college journalists. The association provides students a forum to discuss common issues of college newspapers and to network with newspaper professionals.

Four members of The Colonnade’s staff will be heading to Louisiana this weekend to represent the newspaper in the Southeast Journalism Conference.

Viruses

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ingly of late. And one of the worst case results is the notorious blue screen.

“My computer had a progression of problems,” said Katy Allmon, a junior middle grades education major. “It all led up to my computer blue screening. It was really scary because I hadn’t backed up pictures and schoolwork.”

While Allmon’s experience last semester was the result of hardware failure, the “blue screen of death” can be caused by a computer virus. Julia Allen, a junior fine art major, knows that all too well. She experienced the blue screen as a result of a virus.

“I turned on my computer and it went to a blue screen and it had a bunch of stuff on it that I couldn’t read and went away in two seconds... I was so angry

I wanted to throw my computer against the wall,” Allen said.

Allen took her laptop to Serve, and it was returned to her, all files present, two days later.

“Once you get (the blue screen) you’re too far into trouble. Go to Serve and have (your computer) looked at to make sure you are doing everything right,” said Allmon.

Several simple precautions can keep a computer healthy and users happy. Install and continuously update anti-virus software, back-up files and perform Windows updates. Consider installing anti-spyware software, such as Spybot, which searches for spyware and malware. Know what anti-virus software is on a computer so there are no poser viruses. It is also advised to have more than one browser; a virus can infect one browser and not another which can help in removing it. Most importantly if you get a virus, take action immediately.

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and in surrounding countries. The conflict in Uganda, which has been waged for more than 20 years, has claimed the lives of more than 100,000 people, many of which are children being kidnapped and forced to fight by rebel armies. Despite numerous peace talks, all attempts for a peaceful ending to the conflict have failed thus far.

“We feel like the Invisible Children is the one main organization here that supports the demographic of the students here. It’s very youth based,” Kaufman said.

Baker, 24, was involved with the Invisible Children project as a student at her college in Arizona and has now been a part of the national staff for two and a half years.

“I’ve loved talking about this because it’s something I feel passionate about, and I’ve really loved being able to attend this symposium,” Baker said. “It’s been really stimulating to hear dialogue about this issue and all

the other ones, and I’ve really enjoyed interacting with the students here. It’s great to hear from so many people.”

The second day also included another theater performance of the play “Alternative Methods” by Patricia Davis. The play focuses on U.S. interrogation methods in the Iraq War and deals with a doctor who treats a wounded member of al-Qaida and is then suspected of aiding a terrorist. In addition to the doctor being held, two military psychologists and a lawyer all debate the methods used.

GCSU professor Roger Coate delivered the introduction to the play.

“The main issue being dealt with here focuses on Common Article Three of the Geneva Convention, which protects innocent civilians against being imprisoned and interrogated,” Coate said. “Some of the actions by the Bush administration led to articles of impeachment being introduced in the House of Representatives.”

Freshman theater major John Underwood played the part of the imprisoned doctor.

“It was a really neat experi-

ence. It was certainly different from anything else I’ve ever done,” Underwood said.

Freshman math major Monica Brooks was one of a few dozen people who attended the play.

“I thought it was very intense, especially the interrogation parts,” Brooks said.

The second day concluded with a keynote address by Sister Helen Prejean, a former prison minister, who was pen pals with a man sentenced to death in a Louisiana prison. Prejean turned her experiences into a best-selling book titled “Dead Man Walking”, which also became a movie. That address was followed by the showing of the Invisible Children documentary, “Together, We’re Free.”

The final day of the symposium focused on the actions that can be taken to address these human rights issues. Baker delivered the final keynote address, and a fair concentrating on the various student human rights organizations involved in the event was held. The symposium concluded with musical and visual representations of human rights a musical performance and an



SCOTTY THOMPSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior Caroline Horlacher and freshman John Underwood perform in a play about interrogations. Underwood played the part of a detained doctor suspected of aiding terrorists

art display by the music and art departments.

The symposium left a big impression on Brooks.

“I went to a couple of events, and I really enjoyed it,” she said. “It’s brought a lot of deep issues that bring a new perspective of things between students and faculty.”

Scale

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GCSU Chemistry and Physics said that the regent’s decision to adopt the cumulative grading scale will make all credits earned at GCSU transferable to other schools in the University System.

“GCSU is in line for this system because classes must be able to transfer for all colleges in the USG,” McGill said.

McGill ventured to GCSU having had exposure to cumulative grading system.

“Students have perceptions that the plus/minus system may help borderline grades and GPA,” McGill said. “But this grading system can work either way.”

Although the cumulative grading system will not be used in the calculation of HOPE Scholarship GPAs, it is expected to ease the process of transferring credits to and from in-

stitutions by giving corresponding courses the same academic weight.

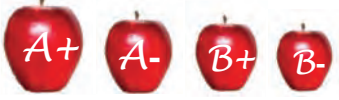
Although the system is in its premature stages at GCSU, some students have seemingly opposite viewpoints about it. Some students fear the effects it can have on grades in test-oriented courses compared to those in essay and project-oriented courses. Freshman mass communication major Graham Williams feels that although the grading system has the potential to be good, he is firmly against it.

“A majority of the classes I take are psychology and sociology, which both give a lot of essay tests,” Williams said. “The system would make students have to work even harder than they already do now.”

While some students may share Williams’ viewpoint, there are others who would be satisfied with the grading system. Junior political science major Daniel Moss said that the cumulative grading system makes the grading style more accurate and gives students an incentive

Plus/Minus grading scale
Where the system already exists

- The University of Georgia
- Georgia State University
- Emory University
- Morehouse College



GRAPHIC BY REBECCA BURNS

to over achieve.

“With the current system, an 81 is just as good as an 89,” Moss said. “The current system is good for those who are on the edge but the plus/minus system will help those who do more than what is required.”

The cumulative grading system, when administered, will be recorded to permanent student records and will not be affected by institutional credits.

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retreats at the Outdoor Education Center, and have guest speakers sometimes come and talk to students,” Bowen said.

When all requirements are completed by students they receive an official certificate of completion and a medallion to wear during their graduation ceremony at GCSU.

Students can also add the completion of the program to their experiential transcript.

Kalie Aiken, a freshman pre-middle grades education major and new member of the program, believes the program will give her the leadership skills she needs in her desired career field.

“I’m a middle grades education major and would like to be a principal one day so I’m in the program in the hopes of learning what it will take for me to be an influential and effective leader,” Aiken said.

No matter what major students are pursuing, or what profession they end up in, students in LCP have the opportunity to learn about and utilize the leadership skills they desire.

“Hopefully students coming out of the program will gain a better understanding of what is expected out of people in leadership positions and gain a better understanding of how to be more effective in those positions,” Bowen said.

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Our Voice

Super Bowl watchers should now focus their attention to GCSU sports

Students will diligently set aside time to watch people they’ve probably never interacted with on TV once a year, but when it comes to putting on the GCSU gear and getting fired up about campus sports, most students lack enthusiasm.

This past Sunday, many in the GCSU community gathered for the most-watched television program in the U.S. to date, according to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. The Super Bowl was watched by more than 106 million people, about 7.3 million more than last year, overtaking the M.A.S.H. finale in 1982, which was viewed by only 105.97 million people.

Since a single sporting event is seen as the most popular thing Americans have watched ever, why not show some of that support here on campus?

Turnout for Bobcat sporting events has recently increased, but it’s still not what The Colonnade staff would like to see, especially considering the men’s and women’s basketball teams are both having very successful seasons.

The University Senate and the Student Government Association, GCSU now offers tailgating at all home games to encourage game attendance and school spirit, but only around 40 were in attendance last week.

Local businesses looking ahead to Super Bowl weekend took advantage of the expected surge. Downtown restaurant Amici offered free delivery on its entire menu on the day for those who pre-ordered, and The Brick offered “Super Bowl Bottomless Draft Madness” where for \$12 and the purchase of a meal, customers could have bottomless draft beer while watching the game.

Thanks to Campus Activities Board and the Thunder Crew, transportation, entrance fees and a T-shirt were provided to the first 90 people to register through Student Activities to attend the Feb. 11 women’s and men’s basketball games against Augusta State.

As New Orleans coasted to its first Super Bowl win and this NFL season came to a close, many other sports seasons are in full swing, including all of the GCSU athletic teams. The Colonnade encourages you to go out and support the Bobcats and even start some new traditions of your own.

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THE HAMMER TIMES
MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER



Obama needs to learn from first year

It’s a little over a year since the Obama administration came to power, and it seems like it’s finally getting the hang of things. In the past year, it’s bobbed and weaved through jabs from the Tea Party people and also took some below-the-belt shots from the GOP, but it looks as if the White House is far from ready to throw in the towel.

Within just a few weeks of the inauguration it brought its focus back on jobs, pushed back on those who are playing politics with terrorism and even took House Republicans for a nauseating ride on national television.

One thing that it really missed the mark on last year, was controlling the health care debate. Because of the process that it chose to take, the White House was very reactive, and not proactive throughout much of the year. People fear what they don’t understand, so by letting the opposition define its key domestic initiative in order to confuse people, the administration was really hurt in the long run. And after the recent victory by Sen. Scott Brown, R-Mass., every pundit, both Democrat and Re-



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publican, claimed that the casket on health care reform was closed and ready to be put in the ground. But, last week the administration seemed to push back on the notion that health care reform was dead by announcing a bipartisan health care summit that will at least keep the debate afloat to give it time to figure this thing out.

Even though these are encouraging signs, this administration is still taking some notable missteps that need to be addressed. In the State of the Union address, President Barack Obama announced a three-year spending freeze on non-security discretionary spending. Yes, this might sound good politically, but in order to really fix the deficit, entitlement programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security would have to be the target. This is something that is highly doubtful, so most likely any

attempts to fix these programs will be kicked down the road just like almost every other administration before this one.

There are other issues that this administration seems to be stumbling with, such as finding a way to get the banks to start lending again to small businesses. The government can throw all the money it wants at small businesses, but it’s the banks that have to give in as well. Financial regulatory reform was also something that should have been pushed much more than it was. Less than two years ago most people thought the entire financial system was going to collapse and everyone was in this feverish pitch, scared to death of the future. Now that it looks like the economy has somewhat stabilized, financial regulatory reform is pushed to the back burner.

These issues are not going away and, if not addressed, they do not bode well for the administration in the future. But, it at least seems like the administration is getting better at taking control and charge of issues that were unnecessarily fumbled in the past.

Satire: Looking at a futuristic nursing home

December 18, 2075

Dear Diary,

It was another Pine-Sol scented day at Sunnyville Nursing Home/Family Abandonment Center.

I checked my Facebook account as usual and updated my status. Meanwhile, I viewed the pages of some old classmates. I don’t particularly like them, but I friend them so at least when I die I look remotely loved. I opened my friend Irvin’s page, and his status reads, “Irvin Edmonds is dead.” I found this peculiar, so I hobbled across the hall to check and see if he’s just changing his status for attention. Nope. He’s dead.

The nurse rolled me down to the activity center. Wii bowling was already in motion, so I helped Mr. Howard on the Rock Band. In his prime, he was a champion, but due to his arthritis he’s forced to sing vocals and yell finger numbers at me while I attempt the bass. I don’t mind because he’s turning 75 years old tomorrow, so the government is coming under the cover of night to kill him. I’ll let him have his moment. We play the classics: “Bad Romance,” “Colt 45” and that Spice Girl’s number with the



STEVE HOLBERT

“zig-a-zia-ah.” It’s amazing how hustling, profanity and Europeans survived the recession.

Muriel down the hall fell in the shower yesterday and died. The last thing anybody saw of her was the butterfly tramp-stamp she got years ago, which now resembles a furry pterodactyl.

My daughter came to visit, spread holiday cheer and steal money from my drawer when I wasn’t looking. She brought the three grandkids: Faith, Hope and Accident. I usually love the grandchildren, but now all teenagers do is complain. They know nothing of hardship. They wouldn’t have survived a day in 2010, when we used to slave over a hot laptop — updating our iTunes, watching our PC’s crash and then Googling instructions on how to bootleg songs directly from an iPod to iTunes. Life used to be hard.

My daughter is an English teacher at Yale — where I attended graduate school. They accepted me because I was brilliant. Anyway, she texted me her course books. We never talk. We just sit across the room from each other and text. It’s more convenient that talking because most responses are yes/no and prevent any unnecessary anecdotes. She texted me “Jane Eyre.” I kindly sent her a picture of my middle finger and we both had a wonderful father-daughter awkward silence. We’ve never agreed on great literature and sometimes it gets very intense. I remember last year when she threatened to pull the plug, so I pulled out my Glock and shot her husband.

Tonight, I think I’ll curl up in bed and watch TV Land. It’ll take me back to a simpler time. A nicer time. A time of “Fast and Furious,” “Grand Theft Auto,” and of course, “I Love New York.” Our generation was sent out to change the world, and we did, somehow.

Steve Holbert

P.S. Dakota Fanning still looks the same. I always knew she was a witch.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

- In the Feb. 5 edition of The Colonnade the Spotlight article misnamed the Women’s Health Symposium survey. It should have been the American College Health Association’s National Collegiate Health Assessment.
- The Colonnade ran an article last week stating restaurants that are newly accepting the Bobcat Card. Our staff was unaware at last week’s deadline that Sonic also started accepting the Bobcat Card last week.
- In the Feb. 5 edition of The Colonnade, the Poll of the Week’s choices for next week’s question should have included yes, no and undecided.
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Response to Feb. 5 story on 2010 Homecoming price tag

Dear editor,

Last week’s article titled “Homecoming price tag grows” noted that Homecoming will include a one percent increase in the Homecoming budget from 2009. With this 1 percent increase, GCSU is building excitement and campus ethos among students, name recognition and hosting the largest celebrity Milledgeville has ever seen.

Student Government Association President Zach Mullins has made it his priority to listen to students, as evidenced by his overwhelming effort to unite the campus, and bring a much needed sense of school spirit.

One of these examples includes SGA introducing a new tailgating tradition. We cannot criticize SGA for delivering things that we have requested. Mullins and SGA have acted in our interests, despite budget cuts and a looming recession. Mullins has also had to battle the administration. With or without approval from the students or our student government, the administration was determined to build an outrageously expensive new wellness center.

Although I originally stood against the wellness center, Mullins and the body of SGA did everything in their power to hear from and ultimately appeal to the majority of the student body. This year SGA has finally gotten its act together and worked with the administration to bring a campus-wide recycling program to GCSU. Positive solutions to complex issues like recycling have been long overdue and have finally been acted upon by this year’s SGA. As a sophomore here at GCSU, I have been very pleased with SGA’s performance. Though I have no personal relationship with anyone on SGA, I have followed closely their efforts and seen their results, and I am looking forward to my junior year with President Mullins and SGA at the helm.

Charles Cooper

Independent Satire

by Ian Bridgeforth



“How do you feel about guns being allowed on campus?”



“Why would this even be a good idea? We have been fine without them. We shouldn’t try to mess up another thing and create another problem we don’t need. You don’t need guns to learn.”

Katie Graham, sophomore, art major

“This seems like an awful idea. I feel like (a gun) is one of the last things that college students need on campus.”

Sarah Hinton, sophomore, business management major



“I definitely don’t think guns should be allowed on the GCSU campus. We already have a reputation as being one of the safest schools in the country and allowing guns on campus would only tarnish our good name.”

Chloe Carpenter, freshman, pre-mass communication major

“I think it’s absolutely ridiculous and there is no need for it. It’s just crazy and it will make everyone feel unsafe.”

Francisco Bide, senior, management major



“I think things would be safer without guns. People could just bring mace or pepper spray. It would protect you, and no one could grab it from you and kill you with it.”

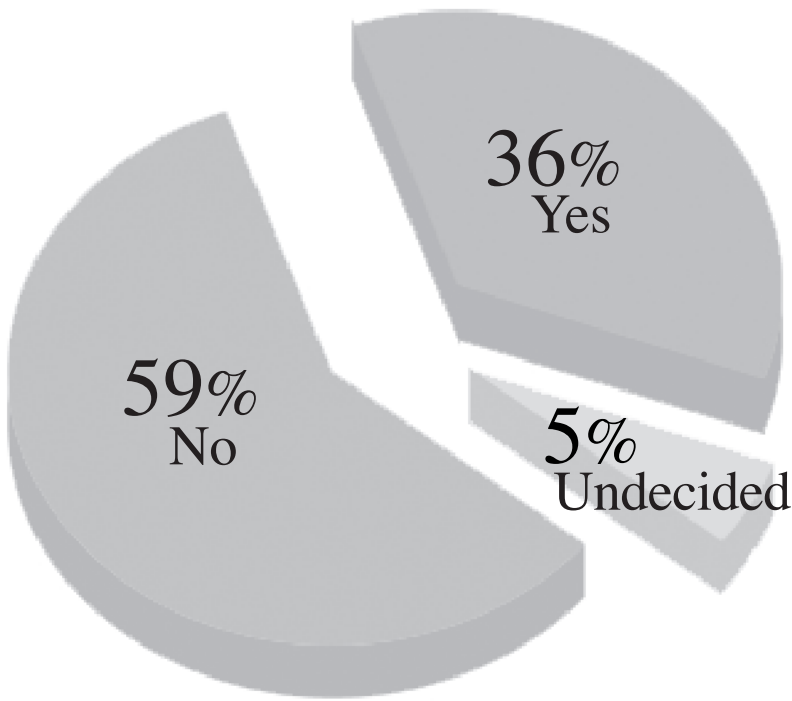
Louise Watson, nontraditional student

Reported by Mandy Ellis

POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE DYKES

Do you support building a Greek village at West Campus?



Next week’s question: Do you want GCSU to switch to the plus/minus grading system?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

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It’s always fun to hear our cheerleaders shouting, “I hate cheerleading,” and other comments every time they take a lap in the Centennial Center. Go team!

Please refrain from puttin’ your filthy paws on my laundry. Thank you. Have a nice day.

I didn’t break your stupid Xbox. I have never even touched your Xbox because I have better things to do than play “Call of Duty” all day long. Maybe if your Xbox was broken forever, you could actually go interact with people, and maybe you wouldn’t be a virgin anymore!

There’s something you need to know for Valentine’s Day. I’ve seen you almost every day for the past two years, and I just wish that I could tell you one thing. I have the biggest crush on you. I’m hoping that you’re reading this and thinking this is for you.

There’s a reason I live in Georgia and that reason doesn’t involve this kind of weather.

Should I go ahead find my parents a hotel room for graduation? My roommates’ parents already made their reservations.

Girls in sweatpants and boots need to not hate themselves anymore.

I think that Groundhog’s Day is my favorite holiday. But not the Yankee groundhog. I’m all about good old Gen. Beauregard Lee.

How on earth do college students go sing karaoke at Buffingtons on a school night?

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Editor Katelyn Hebert

Trendy style without the runway prices

Thrift stores promising to cost conscious shoppers

BY CLAIRE KERSEY
SENIOR REPORTER

When some people think of The Salvation Army, they think of a place that holds the castoffs of bygone decades. Polyester from the 1970s, shoulder pads from the 1980s, ankle-length floral dresses from the 1990s, and maybe a poncho or two. But among these outdated items are hidden gems waiting to be discovered.

"It's like a treasure hunt. You never know what you're going to find," Milledgeville Salvation Army employee Courtney Hettel said.

Despite the finds that hang on the rows of racks, few GCSU students visit the The Salvation Army, located at 420 S. Wilkinson St., regularly.

"I see a lot of students when they have a (theme) party," employee Karen Brown said.

Thrift shopping has its advantages. Most clothing items at the Milledgeville Salvation Army are under \$5, with the exception of items such as winter coats and formal dresses. Name brand items find their way onto the racks, brands such as Gap, Banana Republic, Express and more; often they are still in good condition.

"You save lots of money," Hettel said. "Where else can you find a tux for \$6?"

Not every visit to a thrift store will be fruitful, but the inventory changes often. Checking back regularly is a good way to discover a perfect piece.

"We try to get something new out every

day," Brown said.

The income generated by the Salvation Army goes entirely toward its missions. It helps local families pay their rent and utilities in tough times, and while Milledgeville's branch does not provide a shelter, other branches do.

"Everything we get goes to helping the community," Hettel said. "It's a nonprofit, everything we make goes to keeping this place running."

Other thrift stores in the area also allocate their funds to good causes. The income generated by Maranatha Thrift Store, located at 327 Allen Memorial Road, goes into the upkeep of the Maranatha Mission Home, which helps people get back on their feet.

For those with a little gas money to spare, Macon is a good place to go thrift shopping. The Goodwill store, located at 3177 Macon Tech Dr., is a good place to shop for thrift items. According to its Web site, Goodwill invests 84 cents of every dollar into its missions, which has helped to place people in jobs. Goodwill also offers a student discount on Tuesdays. Macon also has a Salvation Army, located at 3260 Mercer University Dr.

One key to thrift-shopping success is to put in a little time and effort. It may not be as simple as shopping at the mall, but spending a Saturday treasure hunting can be a fun and rewarding activity.

"It's all about having the time. It's amazing what you see," Hettel said. "Just come in with some spare time to look."



PHOTOS BY CLAIRE KERSEY AND DANIELLE PALUGA

Common cents: *Tips to balance your finances and keep your checkbook in the black*

BY ALLISON BRAMLETT
SENIOR REPORTER

Between all the classes and social events, students are constantly trying to keep their heads financially above water. Learning to budget money as a student can be a hard lesson, but it can lead to a road of fiscal responsibility.

All the financial responsibilities thrown a student's way can be overwhelming, but there are a few ways to keep from constantly worrying about money.

First, students should learn to track their spending. Often times, students will use their debit card without knowing how much money is left in their checking account, which can lead to overdraft fees. This is one of the biggest problems according to Linda Bell, a customer service representative at Exchange Bank, located at 250 W. Hancock St. in Milledgeville.

Before buying something, students should make sure their other monthly expenses, such as rent and utilities, are paid for.

Credit cards can be troublesome if overused because they leave a financial trail for years to come.

"Even though you might not write checks, you still need to keep a register of where you've spent the money at and keep a running total of what you have," Bell said.

Before buying something, students should make sure their other monthly expenses, such as rent and utilities, are paid for.

"I'm a firm believer that credit cards will get you in lots of trouble," Bell said. "They'll follow you for many years down the road."

For those that choose to use credit cards, Bell recommends only spending as much as can be paid off the next billing cycle and to have a job, if that's what it takes to keep out of debt.

However Dr. Tom Moore, a professor of business law, believes students should work less outside of school because there is plenty of time to work once you graduate. If students need a job to help pay for school, Moore suggests taking out a student loan instead of working in addition to a full class load.

"You get to pay (student loans) back over the course of your life, and that way you get to immerse yourself into your education and what college really is," Moore said.

Credit card lingo

Annual Percentage Rate: the interest rate used to calculate how much in finance charges will accumulate if the balance isn't paid in full by the due date.

Cash Advance: a cash loan from a credit card. They generally have a higher interest rate than payment or balance transfers and a transaction fee is usually charged.

Credit Limit: the maximum amount of credit available on your card.

Annual Fee: a fee some credit card issuers charge to manage your credit card account

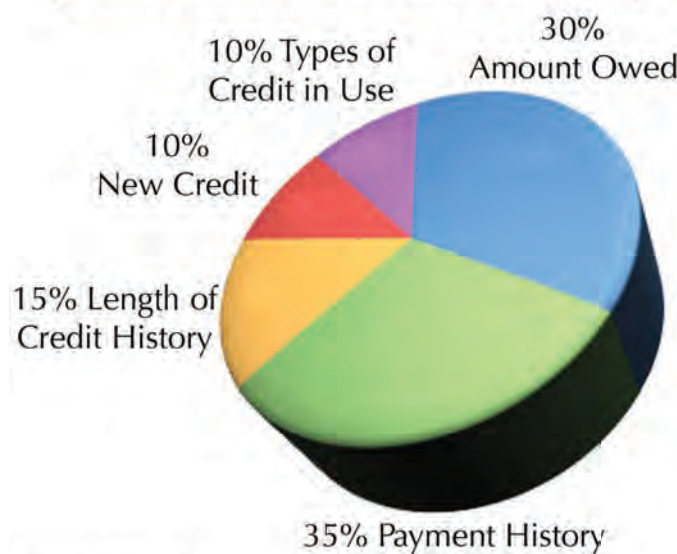
Finance Charge: the interest charged on the amount of money owed

Balance Transfer: moving an unpaid credit debt from one issuer to another

Credit Score: used to determine whether the cardholder can be expected to pay the bills. Number of credit cards, total credit limit, amounts owed and timeliness of payments are factored in.

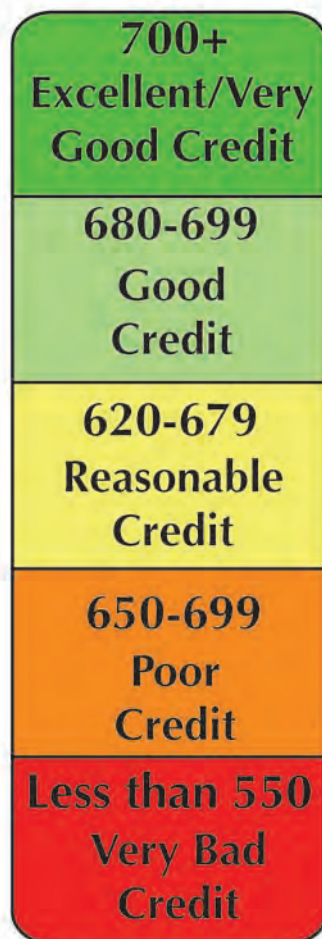
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ALL GRAPHICS BY ALLISON BRAMLETT

10 ways to save

1 Don't shop on an empty stomach. Studies show that hungry shoppers buy more food than those who have eaten recently.

2 Buying the bigger box of cereal might be cheaper, but check the unit prices (see graphic) to compare the smaller size with the bigger.

3 Buying off-brands is almost always cheaper. As shown of the grid, a box of Cheerios at Walmart runs around \$2.50, however, The Great Value version sold for \$1.88.

4 Have a budget in mind when you go to the store. Don't spend \$50 when you can only afford to spend \$25.

5 Try to avoid buying pre-made sandwiches. You spend less buying the ingredients and making them yourself.

6 The same rule goes for baked goods like cookies. Plus it's more fun.

7 Poultry is cheaper than red meat so keep that in mind when cooking a large dinner.

8 Buy fruits and vegetables when they are in season, they are cheaper and will taste better. For example, fall is the best time to purchase apples.

9 Pastas like spaghetti are good buys because they are cheaper than more unique shaped pastas.

10 If you keep your receipt and discover that one store had a lower price for an item, go back to the original store and ask for a discount, they will usually match the price.

Information compiled by: Danielle Paluga

Guide to pinching pennies

Colonnade staffers Katelyn Hebert and Danielle Paluga visited local grocery stores to search for the cheapest prices on items found in a typical college cupboard.

Local grocery store prices



	Cereal (Cheerios)	Milk (Mayfield half-gallon)	Bread (Nature's Own)	Bananas (Dole)	Peanut Butter (JIF's)
Piggly Wiggly	\$3.29	\$3.29	\$2.89	\$0.59	\$2.65
Kroger	\$3.39	\$2.99	\$1.44	\$0.49	\$2.49
Walmart	\$2.50	\$2.88	\$2.38	\$0.49	\$2.34

Get to know your price tags



These tags are commonly overlooked but they are an irreplaceable tool in cutting down on your spending habits. Using the unit price lets you see the actual cost per unit of measure. The smaller the unit price, the better the deal.

- Steps to save**
1. Read the tag: Locate for the actual price and unit price.
 2. Compare: Find the lowest unit price to determine the best deal.
 3. Make your purchases and save.

GRAPHICS BY KATELYN HEBERT AND DANIELLE PALUGA

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2 p.m. Softball Doubleheader vs. West GA

Residence Hall Spirit Board Contest

Wednesday, February 17

8 p.m. Blue & Green College Bowl

Thursday, February 18

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 MUTEMATH and Sean Kingston

Friday, February 19

4 p.m. Baseball vs. Millersville

8 p.m. The Golden Slipper Murder Mystery
 Show presented by CAB

Saturday, February 20

8:30 a.m. Bobcat Ramble

9 a.m. Tent City Tailgating opens

11 a.m. Homecoming Parade

1:30 p.m. Women's Basketball vs.
 Columbus State

Women's ½ time: Rock, Paper,
 Scissor Contest

2 p.m. Baseball Doubleheader vs.
 Millersville

3:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs.
 Columbus State

Mr. and Ms. GCSU and SGA Election Results

She's got soles, but she's not a soldier

GCSU alumna establishes Soles for Soles to provide shoes, medicine for special needs children in Peru

SARA COSTELLO / CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

BY COURTNEY KELLY
STAFF WRITER

Volunteering takes time and dedication, but GCSU alumna Sara Costello has taken volunteering a step further than traditional community service. She has given her time and energy to creating Soles for Soles, a mission to provide aid to special needs children in Cusco, Peru.

Costello graduated from GCSU in December with a bachelor's degree in community health and is currently in graduate school studying special education at the University of Georgia.

The name Soles for Soles comes from the Peruvian currency, the sol, and Costello's original goal — providing shoes for children.

From September to November, Costello volunteered in a special needs school in impoverished Cusco. She worked in a class with mostly autistic children, one of whom was the inspiration for Soles for Soles.

"I worked with one girl named Vivian who was nonverbal, violent — just extremely autistic. One day, I was putting her shoes on because she kicked them off, and they wouldn't fit. When I finally got them on, her toes were curled up in the ends of them, and it just broke my heart," Costello said.

The shoes were three sizes too small, so Costello went and bought new shoes for Vivian costing \$12.

"I put them on her the next day, and she was so much calmer and peaceful," Costello said. "She had no way to communicate the pain her shoes caused and no one thought she had a reason for being violent before."

For autistic children, pain affects them more than most people understand.

"Children with autism in many cases sense things differently than we do, and sensory over-stimulation can become quite a problem," said John Harmon, a senior special education major at GCSU. "Providing them with appropriate materials is highly important for their functionality."

Teachers told Costello about students whose families could not afford

shoes. She told her mother and her friend at home, and the three began to network and raise donations.

Soles for Soles expanded after a boy in Costello's class arrived at school with badly burnt feet from a punishment. He had no socks and his feet were getting infected from his shoes, so Costello gave him her socks and bought more that day.

She raised enough money for 72 pairs of shoes, as well as socks, underwear, and jackets. Hand-delivering everything was a rewarding experience for her — children screamed and cried with excitement, and grateful mothers came to her in tears.

"Some kids even brought me fruit or bread, which was a huge gesture on their part," Costello said.

Costello formed new goals after returning home in late November. Because of expensive shipping costs, Costello raises money, and the teacher she worked with in Peru, Marianela Tueros, buys what the children need.

"I trust Marianela whole-heartedly. She's a huge advocate for the kids and put a lot of her own money into the project," Costello said.

Costello is currently raising money to pay for a doctor's appointment and six months of ADHD medication for Manuel, a boy in the class she worked with. He has severe ADHD — also known as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder — but his family cannot afford proper medication. He currently takes over-the-counter tranquilizing medicine for schizophrenic adults.

"This kid is really bright. He could be in a regular classroom if he had the right medication," Costello said.

Another goal is to provide relief for recent flooding in Cusco, which has directly affected over 60,000 people. Many houses in Cusco are adobe, but Costello will not know how the flooding affected the children until their summer vacation ends in March.

Costello promotes Soles for Soles through her blog, SolesForSoles. BlogSpot.com, and through the project's Facebook page. She also fundraises by selling T-shirts and coffee

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SARA COSTELLO / CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

Preschoolers pose after receiving new shoes. GCSU alumna Sara Costello raised enough money to provide 72 pairs of shoes to Peruvian children with special needs.



SARA COSTELLO / CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

Vivian, the first child Costello bought shoes for, runs around outside in shoes that fit.



SARA COSTELLO / CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

From left, Costello hugs Manuel, a child with ADHD. Soles for Soles is currently trying to raise money to give him the medication that he needs.

Colorful fabrics evoke emotion in art professor's exhibit

BY JOANNA SULLIVAN
STAFF WRITER

Some art professors at GCSU not only act as teachers to their students, but as great forms of inspiration as well. TeaYoun Kim-Kassor, a professor of fiber arts, is no exception. She has a new art installation, "Modulations," exhibited at the GCSU museum on Clarke Street and its vibrant colors and insight fill the gallery.

"I think it's about how people's lives are created by their memories and experiences. If you know, our lives are not created by one moment, there is a lot of overlap of experiences from people you meet to where you were and where you are. So all of this time and space create our lives," Kim-Kassor said.

The artwork of Kim-Kassor has a distinctive quality, generally involving large fabric banners hanging from the ceiling. But as each installation series is created, a new message emerges and a new concept is touched upon.

"I was making a lot of serious installations (in the past) focusing on iden-

tity with who I am and who you are and now I wanted to express it through a more bright perspective. I wanted it to be a little more bright and colorful. That's why I have chosen so many different colors," Kim-Kassor said.

The installation is able to be walked through and can captivate the attention of the viewer, but instead of isolation and contemplation, the viewer is often overwhelmed with a sense of acceptance and joy.

"Most of my installations really invites viewers into the space so they will finish the installation. So without the viewer, I don't see consider these pieces as finished work," Kim-Kassor said.

Kim-Kassor worked on the installation for four months, forming new extensions of the Asian batik, which involves the use of paraffin wax.

"I planned really well before I started and I had to test all the different fabrics and colors and with how the acid dye reacts to others. It takes about three days to finish each one. The reason why I have chosen the polyester

fabric is because the acid dye not only responds to the action of my painting, but also the fabric itself. So if I dye a little bit, I can control it," Kim-Kassor said.

Her use of materials as well as the techniques she used contributed to the emotion and the significance of the work.

"If you see my choice of material, you can see through the fabric. You can see other panels or other objects and other people going around. So, you are talking to me and you are a part of my time so it overlaps," Kim-Kassor said.

Kim-Kassor loves doing abstract work because of the mixed reactions that she will receive from her audience.

"I really enjoy talking to people and hear about how they see what they see and how they feel through my pieces. Some people are looking at faces or others are looking at airplanes. It's totally different, it's my memories, but it pulls out their own memories and experiences. I think that is the beauty of sharing work," Kim-Kassor said.



MANDY ELLIS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Art professor TeaYoun Kim-Kassor stands behind her artwork. Her exhibit, "Modulations," is on display at the GCSU museum.

Health Services taking recipes for cookbook

BY SOPHIE SINGER
STAFF WRITER

Balancing a healthy diet in college can be a difficult task to accomplish. Student Health Services at GCSU has decided to create a cookbook filled with delectable recipe favorites.

The book will contain categories of Healthy and Not So Healthy recipes with subcategories of breads, salads, soups, casseroles, vegan, vegetables, seafood, meat and desserts.

Some recipes that have recently been donated include Grandma’s Baked Macaroni and Cheese, Mexican Lasagna, Easy Brunswick Stew and Lime Chiffon Cake.

Kayleigh Harkins, a senior early childhood education major, has already submitted her Sweet N’ Sour Baked Chicken recipe to the cookbook.

“I decided that I wanted to be a part of this cookbook so I donated a recipe that my roommate and I both enjoy, that is both easy to make and tastes delicious,” Harkins said.

The recipes that are donated will include the person’s name at the bottom of each recipe and their classification.

Currently, Student Health Services has 61 submissions of recipes that have been donated by GCSU students, faculty and alumni.

University Health Educator Rachel Sullivan is in charge of putting this cookbook together. She hopes to debut the cookbook at the Spring Health Fair sponsored by Student Health Services on March 4.

“We need at least 100 more recipes to successfully make the cookbook,” Sullivan said. “Then we will be printing 250-300 copies to be purchased.”

The first 35 GCSU students, staff or faculty to arrive at the Spring Health Fair will get a free copy. The cookbook will be available for purchase after the fair at the Student Health Services in Beeson Hall from 8:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, while supplies last.

“In searching for giveaways for the Spring Health Fair, I found some cookbooks that were “Georgia” inspired,” Sullivan said. “Student Health Services wanted to do something that had never been done before and this was the perfect idea.”

Student Health Services wants to include healthy options of cooking while providing not-so-healthy but “oh so good” recipes.

Erica Yampierre, a sophomore chemistry major, thinks a healthy diet is important with the balance of unhealthy treats as well.

“If I had a cookbook that gave me recipes on healthy means, I think that it would persuade me to try and eat healthier and having other meals that would be considered unhealthy as a treat every once in a while would be helpful,” Yampierre said.

The recipes must be submitted by Feb. 17 via e-mail in order for Student Health Services to print the cookbook on time. The recipes must be emailed to rachel.sullivan@gcsu.edu.

“This will be a timeless classic added to the GCSU collection,” Sullivan said.

Students help keep seniors ‘young at heart’

BY DRAKE SIMONS
STAFF WRITER

When many students think of a nursing home they don’t consider it a fun place to spend free time. But that’s just the idea that Young at Heart wants to disprove. Young at Heart is a student led group on campus at GCSU directed by servant leaders — juniors Hillary Daniel and Brad Fleming. The group was formed to serve senior citizens in the Milledgeville area and was formerly known as Adopt-a-Grandparent. Daniel elected to change the name of the group to better fit the organization.

“The program is not just adopting a grandparent. We also do activities with the residents such as bingo and parties. The residents still like to do activities and have fun; their bodies are just older than their minds. They are still young at heart,” Daniel said.

Despite the name change the group has been doing volunteer work since 2001. Young at Heart meets once a month to coordinate and plan activities. Student volunteers are not required to volunteer a minimum number of hours.

“We understand that people have a limited amount of time with school and social life. Whatever you can give, that’s what you give,” Fleming said.

Fleming said there is a large need for volunteers and elderly care facilities greatly appreciate any volunteers who spend time with residents. Fleming tries to instill a strong sense of purpose within the group.

“We have a mission statement to provide service and companionship to senior citizens in the Milledgeville community. What we do basically as volunteers for Young at Heart is we go out in the community, usually nursing homes like Green Acres or Chaplinwood, and we’ll do things like bingo,” Fleming said. “If you ask any of our volunteers they’ll tell you we play a lot of bingo. At Green Acres we have a pretty cool program that we help sponsor which is we give out what are called bingo bucks and they act as money in the facility. You can come to our bingo store which we have every other week and you can buy snacks, you can buy Cokes.”

The group participates in many other activities with residents at local nursing homes including meeting one-on-one with residents, making cards, painting, playing games and participating in other activities that the staff comes up with at Green Acres. Daniel has been volunteering at nursing homes since she was in the sixth grade. More recently, Daniel has been volunteering for the past three years at Green Acres in Milledgeville.

Jennifer Avant is the activities coordinator at the Green Acres nursing home. Avant welcomes any assistance from volunteers but she has come to know both Fleming and Daniel well over time.

“The two of them in the past two years have done more for the nursing home and more for the residents than maybe 10 people could have done. It’s not necessarily the quantity of the people that you have, it’s the quality,” Avant said.

Avant plans at least one event for her residents a day though she shoots for three. The events must be varied enough to attract the attention of the residents. Avant looks for help from volunteers to make those events possible.

“Volunteers are a big deal to me because I cannot reach everybody and it’s very frustrating at the end of the day when you have this really great party and you have this great day, and you walk down the hall and there’s that one little person that hasn’t gotten out of their room the whole day,” Avant said. “You can’t meet everybody’s needs. It is great to have volunteers that can come in and maybe run that activity.”

Avant graduated from GCSU with a bachelor’s degree in Art Marketing but found her direction helping the elderly. She believes that people not familiar with elderly care facilities are often nervous and uncomfortable with the thought of spending time in one.

“There’s so much of a stigma with nursing homes. Everybody thinks that a nursing home is somewhere that you just go to die. I wish that we could get it out there that it’s not like that. We have people that have lived here for 20 years. This is their home. They have stories behind them,” Avant said.

Young at Heart is hoping to see membership rise so that it can bring joy to as many senior citizens as possible. Nursing homes welcome anyone with any level of past experience, as it often only takes a little time to brighten someone’s day.

“Whatever you can give, that’s what you give.”

-Brad Fleming, GCSU servant leader for Young at Heart


Recipes

Lite Grape Salad

- 3 cups of seedless green grapes (sliced in half)
- 3 cups of seedless red or purple grapes (sliced in half)
- 8 oz of fat free or light cream cheese (you need to let soften by room temp. FF doesn't soften well in microwave)
- 8 oz of fat free or light sour cream
- 1 cup of white Splenda
- 1 tsp of vanilla
- 1 cup of brown sugar Splenda
- 1 cup of chopped pecans

Mix softened cream cheese, sour cream, white Splenda and vanilla well, stir in grapes. Spoon into shallow dish (9 x13 is too large, something a little smaller). Mix brown sugar Splenda and pecans together, then spoon on top of grape mixture. Refrigerate overnight.

Leah Barbee, Student Health Services




GRAPHIC BY JOANNA SULLIVAN

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cups and organizing benefit concerts. The next concert is scheduled for tonight at 8 p.m. at Blackbird Coffee. Admission is \$3.

As a Delta Zeta alumna, Costello has spoken to several of GCSU’s sororities.

“She’s really passionate about Soles for Soles, so we’ve all been really passionate about it with her,” said Madeline Balmes, Delta Zeta president. “It was just really neat to see everything she’s doing and everything it’s going towards.”

Costello said her time in Cosco truly opened her eyes to the world’s needs.



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Literary Guild revives old tradition, discussion

BY DANIELLE PALUGA
STAFF WRITER

A blast from GCSU’s past, the Literary Guild, met once again this past Tuesday night.

Not only did the Literary Guild meet two years ago when current senior and English major, Chelsea Losh, was president, but also according to Dr. Elaine Whitaker, chair of the English Department, Flannery O’Connor was once president of the guild back during her time at the college.

“I am excited about keeping a Georgia College tradition alive,” Whitaker said.

The group discusses literary works and their respective authors. No reading is required, however, and a limited knowledge of the works is alright. The important thing, according to the guild, is to be ready to share ideas.

This week was the first meeting in a few years and the topic was J.D. Salinger, the famed author who recently died. Current president of the guild, Ali Duckworth, a senior English major, printed out articles for discussion and brought books by Salinger to the meeting.

Duckworth wants the guild to be set up to encourage discussion. She placed the chairs of the classroom in a circle for a more intimate feel.

“Anyone can come to the meeting, you don’t have to be an English major. Just have an appreciation for books,” said Duckworth.

Duckworth is also a member of the Dean’s Student Council. That is where she got the idea to resurrect the guild to-

ward the end of this past semester.

Senior English major Patty Maguire was excited about the meeting when she heard it was about Salinger, because she was a fan of his famous work “The Catcher in the Rye.” She liked the tone of the novel and wanted to share her opinion with others.

“I think it’s important to study literature and it definitely goes with our goal of getting a liberal arts education,” Maguire said.

The former secretary of the guild from two years ago even came back to visit. GCSU alumnus Josh Lavender remembered what the meetings used to be like.

“People brought in a lot of genre fiction for discussion, but I always brought in poetry and literature,” Lavender said.

Lavender also recalled that recruiting new members was always hard because students already read a lot in class, but Duckworth hopes to make the club appealing to more students this time around.

The discussion at this week turned from Salinger’s works to whether or not “The Catcher in the Rye” would make a good movie.

Differing opinions are welcome which was evidenced by a disagreement between Whitaker and Maguire on the book. Whitaker and the main character of the novel, Holden Caulfield, were not friends, whereas Maguire liked him and his teen angst.

Duckworth wants to continue the Literary Guild’s meetings and hopes to get the group together twice a month. She is very excited about following in Flannery O’Connor’s footsteps.

Despite many famous faces, ‘Valentine’s Day’ disappoints

BY CHRIS MOSKALY
REVIEWER

“Valentine’s Day” is a prime example of a “flash in the pan” film. It has what it needs in order to attract a fair audience, but like the holiday from which it garners its title, all the excitement disappears as soon as it’s over. Now, this doesn’t necessarily mean that it’s a bad movie. In fact, it is quite passable as a solid date movie for anyone who’s curious about it. My only concern is that when people walk out of the theater, they’re probably going to drive home pondering over how popular the cast is without really caring about whether or not all of them clicked as one.

Built on a structure of endless criss-crossing storylines, the film chronicles pretty much anything that can be done in terms of celebrating love or moping the lack thereof in one whole day. For the sake of letting it be a fresh glimpse, I won’t spoil any specific details, but at the center of all the intertwining romance is a florist named Reed (Ashton Kutcher) who is about to propose to his girlfriend (Jessica Alba).

A lot of the scenes take place in his shop as people come in and out to purchase flowers, but in the midst of all the drama, we have two high school teens who are ready to have sex, an elderly woman who had an affair long ago but never told her husband, a phone-sex operator, and a love therapist played by Kathy Bates who barely has time to do anything worthwhile. Come to think of it, none of these people do. And it’s really sad because most of them have already proven themselves to be very talented.

I’m not sure if it was a fair trade of talent or a scam to sell more tickets, but “Valentine’s Day” is one of those movies where you know just from the poster that pre-production was the hardest part of the equation. If I had to guess, I’d say that when early meetings took place, it was more im-



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portant to balance the budget on personal paychecks; which would explain why the set designs look so cheap. And if you think a bunch of big-star celebrities can save an entire film by just being in it, you are sadly mistaken. The reason I can’t be too hard on the cast though is because it’s not their fault if they’re doing what the director tells them.

“Valentine’s Day” is, in short, a mess. There are just too many pale characters, too many vague plot lines, and too many conversations centered on the meaning of love. I guess if one can relate to any of the various pieces to the puzzle, then it’s fair to assume that the film has something for everyone; even if we know that all those heart-shaped boxes of chocolates will be half off by midnight. Wait. ... does this mean that ticket prices will drop after the fourteenth?

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Spotlight

By: Stephanie Sorensen

Be Mine? Valentine’s Day Tips



Single

Instead of sulking at home this Valentine’s Day, working your way through that pint of Ben & Jerry’s ice cream while watching sappy movies, cancel the pity party and go have some fun. Here’s some ideas to have a fun Valentine’s Day even if you don’t have a special someone.

Group Date:

This doesn’t actually have to be a date. Gather some friends together, girls and guys and go out to dinner or a movie. Valentine’s Day isn’t only for couples.

Couples

Everyone wants a special Valentine’s date that is perfectly romantic, but being in college normally means students are working on a budget. Here’s some Valentine dates that are romantic and won’t break the bank.

Candlelight Chinese:

It may seem cheesy, but sometimes an intimate dinner in a dorm or apartment can be just as romantic as a dinner out. Get some candles and your favorite drink and get to know your valentine on a more personal level without the stress of a fancy restaurant.

Moon Dance:

Valentine’s Day is romantic, but even romance has its fun. An iPod playlist and dancing under the stars can be romantic and funny (depending on your dancing skills).

Secret Valentine:

It’s like secret Santa, but with hearts. You can pass names of friends, or someone special, plus it’s a great way to spark conversation.

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I love my socca girls :)
-JC

Eros,
.. and it was just a
chance encounter...
-Psyche

Besties no matter
what, Katie!

I love the girls
in 4109!
-Sanjna Patel

I love you,
Dykes!
-E Boi

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Happy Valentine's
Day American
Humanics!
You guys rock!
-Whitney McCullough

I love my goonies!
-Kelsea Ross

I love my
TAMEKA DEAN!
-Karla White

I love you Hannah
Malte!
-Alex Bell



Love you PAPO!

Mu Gamma
Brotherly
Love!
-ELH

Jamaican
me love you!

Listen To The Man
Hour Mondays at
Noon.
WGUR 88.9

Find your
baker soon
Kathy!

My #2 & #3 are
DA BEST!!
Y'all are my favorite
Werther's Originals!
-Karla White



Happy
Valentine's Day
Marianna and
Andrea

Student Government
Association loves
Georgia College
students! Happy
Valentine's Day!!

Peace and love
on campus
-Daniel

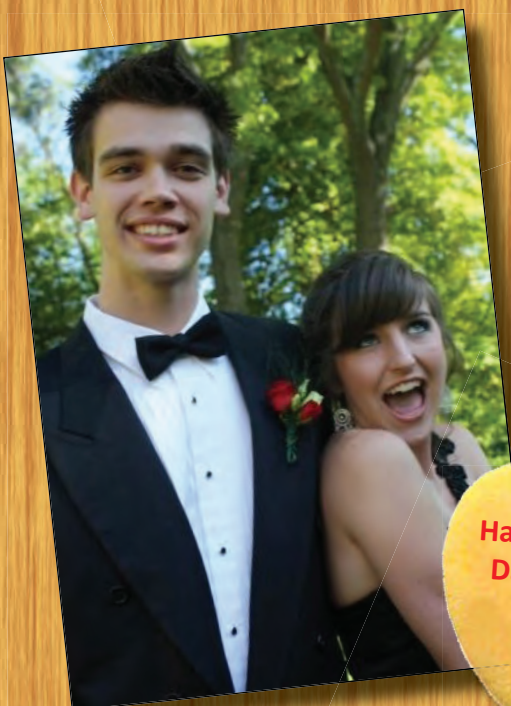
Room 4109 is
the best!
-Courtney
Howell



Ladies
-CD

Love you
KELSEA
SIDNAE
DIAMOND

I love you Rochelle.
-Mom



Happy Valentine's
Day Mackenzie!
I love you!
-Andrew
Whittaker

Happy
Valentine's
Day Meredith!
-Tyler G

Happy Valentine's Day,
Natalie!
From Anbre

Stay sexy,
you betty's
-Ryan

GET TO DA CHOPPA!
-Arnold
Schwarzenegger/
Jeff Fajay

I love you, Alex Fain
-Alex Bell

Here's to picnic
baskets, Dupe!

Yo Sweet!
LOVE MY
SWYO's!

God save Al
Capone!



I love you,
Marybeth!
-Little

I LOVE A
COLOMBIAN!
-Emily Brown



Love you
Mommy

I love my
fab four
-Sidnae S.

Hey, T Driskell,
Wanna go to barbs?
-Matt Moore



Emily you're like a
melody in my head
-Elliot

To the
Single ladies
-Joshua
Braswely



Happy Valentine's
Day Baylie and
Braelyn. We love you
so much. Love,
Nana and Pop

I love you
David,
idiot.
-DP

Love you,
Grigsby
Bear!
-Bunkee

Aye BeJo!
LUHH YEW!
-Brooke
Blackburn

Khaliah Loves
her ΣΑΩ
sisters!

Just wanted to let
you know you're
the best girlfriend
in the world.

You have the key
to my heart...
don't lose it!
-F.B.

I LOVE my ZΦβ
sorors!
-Natalie :)

MAY-RAY
Happy Valentine's
Boo-Boo!
-Lil sis Linz



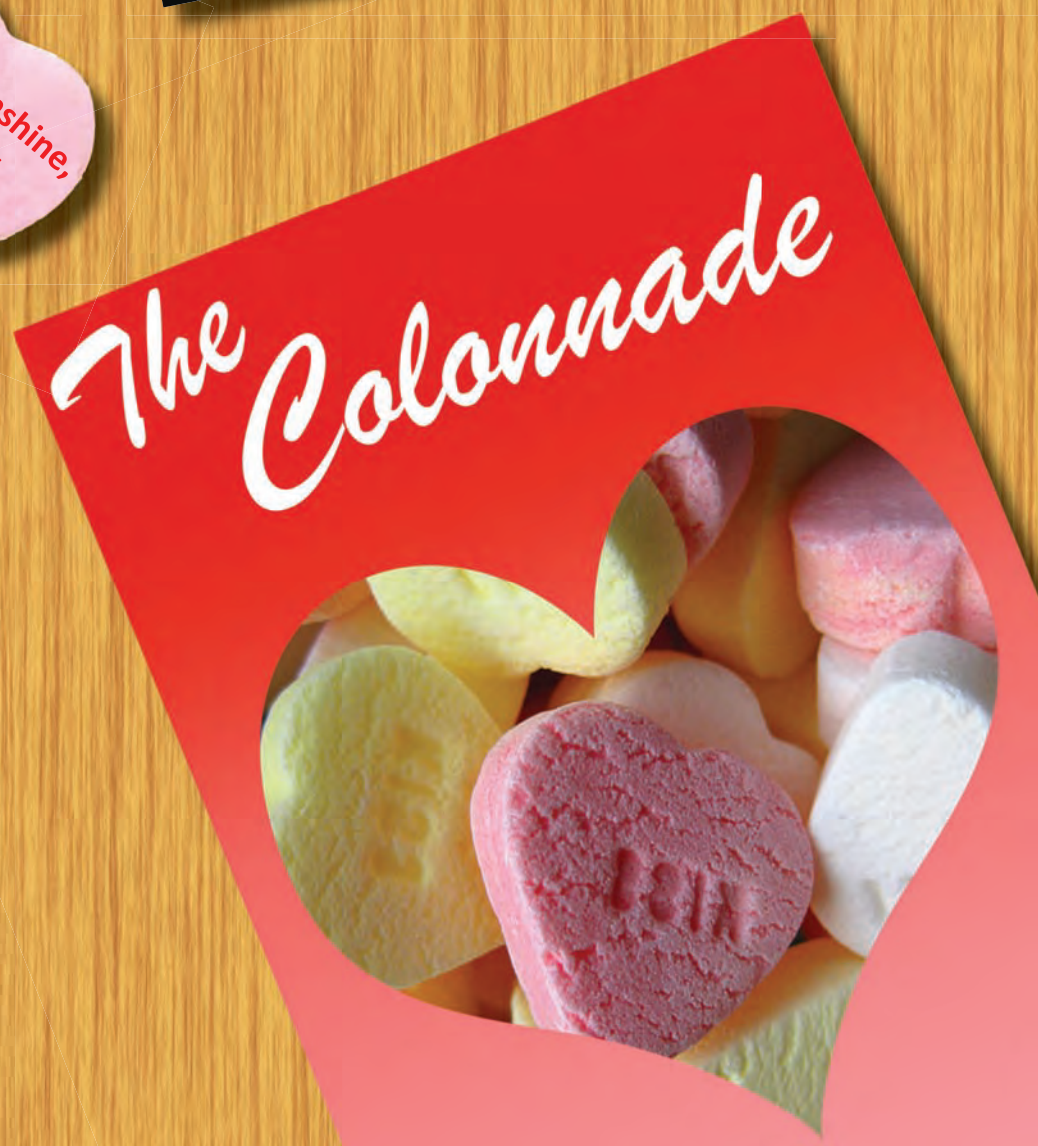
Darius,
Happy Valentine's
Day! I love you Babe!
Love, Roz

You are sunshine,
Katie Lilly
-Cody

Sharon,
I love you!
-Lindell

Remember
Elisabeth Elliot
always, Jen!

Heather, You are my
greatest gift. I can't
wait to see where life
will take you.
Love, Mom



PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

PERSISTENT VOLUNTEER

According to a Public Safety report, Feb. 7 at approximately 2:56 a.m. Sgt. Nick Reonas was dispatched to 119 Chops in reference to an unruly patron who refused to leave the location. Contact was made with a male, who was sitting on the sidewalk in front of Chops, yelling and cursing at the employees. The male, who was intoxicated, stated he was helping the staff by sweeping the floor, then was grabbed by several employees, punched in the face and kicked out of the establishment. An employee stated that he did indeed sweep the floor, was thanked for his help and asked to leave because it was past closing time. The male refused to leave after being asked nicely several times. He then grabbed the bar and would not let go. Several employees took hold of him and tried to pull him away. Then, the male started trying to punch them, so he was forcefully taken from the building. Since he could not identify anyone that had hit him, he was told that he would have to press charges on his own once he was sober. He was put in a taxi and sent it home.



FIGHT CLUB

According to a Public Safety report, Feb. 4 at approximately 2:09 a.m. Sgt. Jeff Miller observed people fighting in front of Capital City. Contact was made with a male student, who had a black eye and a abrasion on his forehead. The male stated he had been knocked down, punched and kicked several times. Another male witnessed the fight and told Miller that several males attacked the victim. EMS responded and transported the victim to Oconee Regional Medical Center for treatment. The case has been turned over to investigations.

SHARP KID

According to a Public Safety report, Feb. 3 at approximately 2:38 p.m. officer Jamaal Hicks was dispatched to Early College in reference to a juvenile threatening another juvenile. Someone advised Hicks that an Early College student had threatened to cut another student. A small razor used to groom eyebrows was found in the student's shoe. The razor was taken into evidence. Early College will be handling the situation.

PARTY ANIMALS

According to a Public Safety report, Feb. 6 at approximately 12:12 a.m. Sgt. Nick Reonas was dispatched to Bell Hall, room 113 in reference to possible drug usage and underage possession of alcohol. Contact was made with six students. Four of the subjects were asleep on a futon. The strong odor of an alcoholic beverage was in the room, and all admitted to drinking earlier in the evening. Several bottles of tequila and bourbon were confiscated and dumped out. The case has been turned over to the Student Judicial Board.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, Feb. 12 - Thursday, Feb. 18

Saturday, Feb. 13

1:30 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. USC Aiken - Centennial Center
3:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. USC Aiken - Centennial Center

Monday, Feb. 15

12:30 p.m. GCSU Convocation - Russell Auditorium
12:30 p.m. Freedom From Smoking - 213 Health Sciences
6 p.m. Walt Disney World College Program presentations - Atkinson 202
10 p.m. Homecoming 2010: Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake - Baldwin Bowling Center

Tuesday, Feb. 16

12:30 p.m. Walt Disney World College Program presentations - Atkinson 202
2 p.m. Bobcats Softball vs. West Georgia - West Campus
2:30 p.m. Bobcats Tennis vs. Erskine - Centennial Center

Wednesday, Feb. 17

2 p.m. GREEN Initiative Committee - A&S 216
7:30 p.m. African-American History Month Film Series presents Amazing Grace - A&S 364
8-10 p.m. Homecoming 2010: Blue & Green Trivia College Bowl - Magnolia Ballroom

Thursday, Feb. 18

3 p.m. Career Talk on WGUR radio - WGUR 88.9 FM
7:30 p.m. Homecoming 2010: Sean Kingston & MuteMath Concert - Centennial Center

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Bobcat backcourt dooms Lakers
Mikell, Rowland lead second-half comeback in 12th straight win

BY SAM HUNT
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU men's basketball team ran its winning streak to 12 games this past Saturday at home when the Bobcats defeated Clayton State 74-67.

When the first half started, it was the Lakers that took control of the game. As the half progressed, Clayton State began to spread the lead and first took a 10-point advantage when a layup with 11:28 remaining set the score at 25-15.

Although the Bobcats were playing aggressively, the Lakers managed to maintain their lead for the entire half and the half-time score had GCSU trailing Clayton State 41-30.

When the second half began, the Bobcats settled down and began to chip away at the Lakers' lead.

With 11:45 remaining, GCSU took the lead for the first time when junior point guard Andre Mikell drained a 3-pointer to set the score at 52-51 in the Bobcats' favor.

"We started off really slow but we told each other that we were not going to lose," Mikell said. "The second half was a big turning point because we just came together and played."

From there, even though the Bobcats had the lead over Clayton State, the score remained very close as time wound down.

Seeing that the clock was running out, the Lakers began to increase their number of fouls on GCSU players in attempts to keep the Bobcats from spreading the point gap.

When 36 seconds remaining, senior point guard Ty Rowland was fouled and made both of his free throws. Less than 10 seconds later, senior guard Jake Rios was fouled and also made both of his shots from the charity line. These four free throws gave GCSU their greatest lead of the game at eight points with the score of 72-64.

The Bobcats remained in control from there and the game ended in a comeback victory for GCSU with the final score of 74-67.

The leading scorer for the Bobcats was Mikell, who put a total of 19 points on the GCSU scoreboard. He was 4-of-9 on field goals, including 3-of-5 on 3-pointers and 8-of-9 on free throws.

"More than anything, we had heart and we had the will to fight," Mikell said. "We didn't really shoot the ball well; we didn't defend that well, it was just knowing how to win that got us the victory."

Rowland seconded that effort by tacking on 18 points to the scoreboard. He was 5-of-8 on field goals, including 3-of-6 on threes and 5-of-6 from the charity stripe.

The Bobcats are at home this weekend as they face USC Aiken tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.

NOTE: the Bobcats traveled to Augusta State Feb. 11 to face the No. 7 Jaguars in the biggest game in the Peach Belt Conference this season. Due to production deadlines, the results are not included in this issue. Look for a breaking news article on GCSUnade.com and check GCSUBobcats.com for a complete game breakdown.



AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior point guard Ty Rowland pushes the ball up court during the Bobcats' win over North Georgia on Feb. 3. Rowland was named GCSU Athlete of the Week for his play during the past week, as he averaged 18 points per game in two wins.

THE
SIDE
LINE



BY PRESTON SELLERS
SPORTS EDITOR

Prepare for chaos. That's the best advice I can give for watching the Great American Race this Sunday. Yes, that's usually a safe assumption to make when it comes to the Daytona 500, but never as much as this year.

Rule changes in place for the 2010 season should shake up NASCAR, and hopefully add excitement to a sport that has been severely lacking it as of late.

The adjustment that will be most apparent at Daytona is the alterations to the cars' restrictor plates, the parts that block airflow from the carburetor to reduce horsepower (and therefore, speeds) on superspeedways such as Daytona and Talladega. The holes in the plates have been widened, adding more power and about five miles per hour to the cars' top speed.

NASCAR claims the move puts more emphasis on the drivers, because at higher speeds, good moves can gain track position much more quickly, while bad moves can lose position (as well as the race).

The other major change for this season also directly affects the 500: the ban on bump-drafting (literally pushing the car in front of it while drafting behind it) has been lifted. This should make for incredibly exciting, treacherous situations, particularly as the race winds down to the finish. The key is to pick the right spots in which to bump-draft, and to avoid doing it in turns. It will likely be the poor use of bump-drafting that will be the catalyst for the "Big One," the wreck that happens every year which takes out a large portion of the field.

Regardless of rule changes, the attack plan for Daytona is the same as always: stay out of the "Big One" if luck allows it; use bump drafting sparingly; and find the right line at the right time to push for the front when the finish line is in sight.

My three picks for the Daytona winner (a favorite, a contender and a dark horse): Tony Stewart (deserved the championship last season), Dale Earnhardt Jr. (always great on super-fast tracks like Daytona), and David Reutimann (just because it would be awesome to see him win, he's good enough to do it, and he's been close before).

Don't miss this one. It's gonna be good.



BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Redshirt junior Ryan Parson fires a pitch toward the plate against Tampa last Sunday in the second game of a doubleheader which the No. 7 Spartans swept.

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an 8-6 game. Senior pinch hitter Steve Muoio then sent a towering fly ball to the right field fence, but it was just short as the Tampa right fielder corralled it and preserved the 8-6 victory for the Spartans.

Tampa picked back up in the second game, once again jumping out to an early lead with two runs in the top of the first. The Bobcats cut the lead in half in the bottom of the inning when Allen scored on an error by the Tampa shortstop. The Spartans roared right back, scoring a run in the second and four more in the fourth to jump out to a 7-1 advantage. The Bobcats added three of their own in the bottom half of the inning.

Ward doubled, and Pirkle followed with a single. A balk by the Tampa pitcher allowed Ward to score and Pirkle to advance to second. Muoio's RBI single plated Pirkle, and Muoio later came around to score on a fielder's choice by junior infielder Jason Veyna to make it 7-4. The Spartans scored two more runs in their half of the fifth to set up a 9-4 victory in a seven-inning shortened contest.

In the series finale Monday afternoon, the Bobcats had victory snatched away from them, as the Spartans rallied for a 15-13 victory. GCSU once again found itself in a hole, down 4-0 after two and a half innings. But the Bobcats fought back, scoring four runs in the bottom of the third to tie the game. Back to back RBI singles by Pitts and Muoio cut the lead in half, and redshirt senior Andrew Evans hit a two-run double to tie the game.

The Spartans regained the lead in the top of the fourth with two runs, but GCSU came right back. After back to back singles by Harrell and Drew Goodman, Pitts hit a massive three-run blast to left center, giving the Bobcats a 7-6 lead, their first lead of the series. The Bobcats stretched that lead to 9-6 in the bottom of the sixth. An RBI single by Ward and another RBI double by Evans gave the Bobcats a three-run cushion. But the Tampa offense continued to be a thorn in the side of GCSU's pitching, scoring once in the seventh on a solo home run and tying the game at 9-9 with two runs in the eighth.

The Bobcats followed with some more fireworks in the bottom half of the eighth. A bunt single by Pitts and an error on the throw by the Spartan third baseman was followed by an RBI double by Ward to put GCSU back up 10-9. Pirkle's two run double and an RBI single by Snell padded the lead at 13-9.

The top of the ninth proved to be an unusually rough outing for Bobcats senior second-team all-American closer Martin Dewald, as the Spartans tagged him for six runs to go up 15-13 and get the win.

GCSU's away matchup against Erskine originally scheduled for this past Tuesday was postponed until next month. The Bobcats (0-3) will be back in action with three away games this weekend in a neutral site tournament at Lander University. The Bobcats return home Feb. 19 to begin a weekend series with Millersville.

Softball splits
Lynn series

BY SCOTTY THOMPSON
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU softball team started its 2010 season by splitting a double-header Feb. 7 against Lynn University on a cold Sunday afternoon at Peeler Complex. The Bobcats fell behind 5-0 in the opener, but exploded for eight runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to claim an 8-5 victory. The Fighting Knights came back to take the second game, 4-2, and salvage the split.

Sophomore pitcher Haley Burnett went the distance on the mound in the first game for the Bobcats to pick up the win despite early struggles. Burnett added a pair of hits and four RBI, including a key three-run homer in the eight-run sixth.

Four runs in the first and one in the second by the Lady Knights gave them a commanding 5-0 advantage until the sixth frame. Back-to-back doubles by freshman third baseman Kelsea Martin and senior second baseman Kayla Smith to start the inning put runners on second and third. Burnett then sent a three-run blast over the fence in left center to cut the Fighting Knights' lead down to 5-3. After a walk to freshman catcher Kali Carswell, Lynn pitcher Callie Darlin appeared to settle down, getting two outs. But the Lady Bobcats continued the onslaught. Junior designated hitter Belourse Jean-Francais singled, and advanced to second on a wild pitch, with sophomore pinch-

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THE
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STOP



Upcoming Sports

Basketball (W, M):
Feb. 13 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. USC Aiken

Softball:
Feb. 11 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Queens (N.C.)
Feb. 16 2 p.m., 4 p.m. West Georgia

Quote of the Week

"I think it's a little too soon, personally. But I probably would have made the same decision if I was in her position. And you've got to get that experience."
— Jeff Gordon, regarding Danica Patrick's decision to enter into Saturday's Nationwide Series race at Daytona. (ESPN.com)

Stat of the Week

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Miles per hour faster which the Sprint Cup cars circled Daytona International Speedway in practice, due to restrictor plate modifications this season.

Tennis squads ace season-opener tests

BY SAM HUNT
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU tennis teams each opened their seasons with shutout victories this past week.

The men’s team won its first match of the season last Saturday when it shut out Morehouse 9-0.

In No. 1 singles, sophomore Jerome Leborgne swept his opponent 6-0 in the first set and 6-3 in the second set.

In No. 2 singles, Johan Wadstein defeated his opponent 6-0 in the first set and 6-3 in the second set.

In No. 3 singles, senior Max Beliankou defeated his opponent 6-0, 6-0, earning him the first men’s singles shutout victory of the 2010 season.

The results for No. 4 singles play were the same, as sophomore Leo Bernardes was able to earn a 6-0, 6-0 shutout victory.

In No. 5 singles play, senior Giovane Nucci allowed his opponent to win only one game in his match that ended in a 6-1, 6-0 win.

In No. 6 singles, freshman Victor Andersson kept the momentum going by earning a tough 7-5 win in the first set, then shutting his opponent down 6-0 in the second set to set the Bobcats record at 6-0.

In men’s doubles, the No. 1 team composed of Leborgne and Wadstein came out on top against their opponents in the eight-game pro set with an 8-1 win. The second doubles team made up of senior Joao Casagrande and freshman Tyler Franks fought hard and went to extra games with their opponents to earn a 9-7 victory. The senior duo of Beliankou and Nucci came together for the third slot doubles and were victorious against their opponents with the convincing score of 8-1, giving the men their 9-0 shutout against the Black Panthers.

The Bobcats men’s tennis team is at home next week as it takes on Erskine College on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

“We’ll probably play around for about the first month with the line-ups,” head coach Steve Barsby said. “Our next match will be sort of an indication of who can handle the spots we put them at and who can’t.”

The GCSU women’s tennis team also got their season off to a good start as they defeated Clark Atlanta on Sunday with a shutout victory of 9-0.

In No. 1 singles, senior Diane Danna played hard and defeated her opponent 7-6 in the first set. In the sec-



MANDY ELLIS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior Joao Casagrande serves against Morehouse this past Saturday. Casagrande was paired with freshman Tyler Franks and the duo came away with a doubles victory.

ond set, Danna had a 4-0 lead when her opponent had to retire to due injury, resulting a victory by forfeit for Danna.

No. 2 singles slot freshman Kayla Barksdale claimed the season’s first shutout victory 6-0, 6-0 against her opponent.

Keeping the momentum up, junior Bertille Lion in No. 3 singles also swept her opponent in a shutout win.

Singles slots 5 and 6 were automatic wins for the Bobcats that resulted from Black Panther forfeits.

In women’s No. 1 doubles, upperclassmen Danna and Lion joined forces to defeat their opponents 8-3. In the second doubles slot, the freshman duo of Barksdale and Michelle Lingner worked together to earn the first doubles shutout victory 8-0 against their Clark Atlanta opponents. For No. 3 sophomore Adriana Acuna and freshman Linda

Mosa earned a victory due to default, giving the women’s team a 9-0 shutout victory against the Black Panthers.

“Both the teams we played so far weren’t a good indication,” Barsby

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runner Sabrina Chandler advancing to third. Junior right fielder Kati Pickowitz followed with a single and advanced to second on a throwing error, plating Chandler and Jean-Francais and tying the game at 5-5. Senior center fielder Allison Schwimer followed with a triple, scoring Pickowitz and giving the Bobcats a 6-5 lead. After a walk to Martin, Smith singled, scoring Schwimer and extending the lead to 7-5. The Bobcats got one more run on an RBI single by Burnett, scoring Martin and making it an 8-5 advantage.

Burnett got the final three outs in the top of the seventh to preserve the victory for GCSU.

“(The comeback) showed we have heart,” Burnett said. “We’ve been doing really well so far, and I think if we continue to grow, we’ve got a chance to have a lot of success. Obviously our goal is to

win the conference.”

The Bobcats had some early success in the second game, but couldn’t hold their early 2-1 lead, as Lynn rallied for a 4-2 victory on the back of five shutout innings from Cristie Kaufman.

Down 1-0 in the second, the Bobcats pushed across a couple of runs. Jean-Francais led the inning off with a single and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Junior shortstop Brandie Monroe’s RBI single pushed Jean-Francais across to tie the game up. After Monroe advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Pickowitz, Smith hit an RBI single, scoring Monroe and giving the Bobcats a 2-1 lead. GCSU threatened for more but eventually left the bases loaded.

Lynn went on to tie the game in the fourth. Nikki Pallister led off with a double, advanced to third on a sac bunt and scored on a sac fly by Darlin to make it 2-2. The game remained knotted up until the seventh, when the Fighting Knights pushed across two more runs. An error on a sacrifice bunt gave the Knights a 3-2

advantage. Pallister’s RBI single later in the inning made it 4-2. The Bobcats put two runners on base in the bottom half of the inning, but Kaufman was able to wiggle out of the jam and get the victory for the Knights.

Freshman pitcher Kristi Rodriguez took the loss for the Bobcats, going the distance on the mound. Monroe led the Bobcats at the plate with a pair of hits.

“Our pitchers did pretty well and we had us a big inning there in the first game,” GCSU head coach Ginger Chaffinch said. “We’ve got the potential to hit; it’s just a matter of execution.”

“I see some very positive signs for our team,” Chaffinch added. “We’ve just got to make some better mental decisions and be a little more consistent.”

GCSU’s double-header against Queens on Feb. 10 was pushed back a day due to oncoming inclement weather. The Bobcats will return to action Tuesday at home with a double-header against West Georgia with the first game set for 2 p.m.



FILE PHOTO
Senior outfielder Alison Schwimer bats during a home game last season. Schwimer’s solid defense and hitting will be keys for the Bobcats this season.





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Women’s hoops handed tough Clayton loss

Bobcats outmatched by Lakers in 70-35 defeat, point to lack of mental focus

BY CHANDLER LEE
STAFF REPORTER

After winning two in a row, the GCSU women’s basketball team (15-6 overall, 8-3 Peach Belt) is back to the drawing board. The team is linking its recent woes, after a disastrous 70-35 defeat against No. 15 Clayton State, to one main problem — a lack of mental focus.

The 35-point defeat was far from dainty. Georgia College was torched in every facet of the game, highlighted by Clayton State’s dominance on the interior. The Lakers posted 50 points inside, compared to just 20 for the Bobcats.

Georgia College was also bested on the rebounding effort 50-44, but the significant lack on the defensive rebounding showed as the Bobcats were outdueled 32-20.

GCSU opened the game shooting just 6-of-31 from the field for 19.4 percent and a dismal 1-of-7 from behind the arc, good for 14.3 percent.

During the second period, the shooting miseries continued. The Bobcats missed their first 11 attempts from the field and finished the second half hitting just four shots, while missing 27.

The 16.1 percent outing from the field was highlighted due to the Bobcats lack of attention and energy.

Because of the effort lapse, head coach John Carrick quickly pulled the starters out of the game in the opening minutes of the second period in an attempt to send a message to his team.

“I didn’t see any energy or sense of urgency,” Carrick said. “The girls appeared to be going through the motions instead of playing hard.”

GCSU hung with the quick-paced Lakers for part of the first half, but Clayton went on a 19-7 run over the final 8:49 of

the first period and never looked back.

“We didn’t come out focused and match Clayton’s energy,” junior guard Dominique Huffin said. Huffin ended the day with 11 points, the lone Bobcat in double figures.

Combining poor shooting and a lack of enthusiasm with 24 turnovers, the loss is something Huffin and the team want to forget about and just move on.

“We have to come better prepared,” Huffin said. “We were all embarrassed, especially losing like that at home.”

Huffin, who has been in double figures the last four games, said the team also needs to discover the vigor and tenacity that was successful during the latter part of January.

“We have to learn from this game (against Clayton),” Huffin said. “We can’t take anything for granted in conference games.”

Looking forward now, the Bobcats will put the loss to Clayton in the rear-view mirror and look ahead to hosting USC Aiken on Saturday.

“We have to come mentally focused and ready to play,” senior center Antoinette Reames said, who is averaging 10 rebounds per game in the last four contests. “We have to focus on working hard in practice because other teams aren’t going to lay down for us.”

Despite the loss to Clayton, all team members know there has to be a change in effort, focus, and overall attitude.

“We have to find the fight and drive attitude we once had,” said junior back-up point guard Jessica Baker, who has averaged 18.3 minutes of action over the past three games. “We have to focus on what we can control, like our defense.”

Carrick agrees.

“We can’t let that lack of focus happen again,” Carrick said. “We have to come prepared to compete.”

The Bobcats are back at it again on

“We were all embarrassed, especially losing like that at home.”

–Dominique Huffin, junior shooting guard



MANDY ELLIS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior point guard Jessica Baker runs the offense against Clayton State this past Saturday. Baker and her Bobcat teammates suffered their worst loss of the season against the Lakers after winning their previous two games.

Saturday, hosting the Pacers of USC Aiken at 1:30 p.m.

“We have to take care of business and do what the girls are capable of doing,” Carrick said. “If we do that, we should be okay.”

NOTE: The Bobcats traveled to Au-

gusta on Feb. 11 to take on Peach Belt Conference eastern division rival Augusta State. Results were not available due to production deadlines. Look for a breaking news article on GCSUnade.com and check GCSUBobcats.com for a complete game breakdown.

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said. “We play them because they’re close to us (geographically) but they’re nowhere near the competition we’re going to play.”

“Last year’s teams are going to be tough to live up to,” Barsby added. “If our girls can finish in the top half and the guys can finish top two or three, that’s what were shooting for.”

The Bobcats are at home next Thursday to face Valdosta State at 2 p.m.

“Valdosta’s a real good team, and I think our girls are going to struggle a little bit against them,” Barsby said. “And our guys are young, so you really don’t know what you’re going to get. It’ll be a good indication of where we’re at.”



MANDY ELLIS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Freshman Tyler Franks serves in a doubles match against Morehouse this past Saturday. Franks teamed with senior Joao Casagrande to win 9-7.

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